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**SECOND SACRAMENTO COUNTY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
FELONY BANK FRAUD AND SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that LATASHA MARIE EIVORY VAUGHN, 34, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge David F. Levi to four counts of felony Bank Fraud and to four counts of felony Social Security Account Number Misuse.

This case is the product of extensive combined investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U. S. Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, VAUGHN admitted that from 2001 through 2005 she engaged in a scheme to commit bank fraud with falsely obtained Oregon and Georgia state identification cards and stolen Social Security account numbers. Using the false identification cards and stolen Social Security numbers, VAUGHN opened fraudulent checking accounts at four different banks in Sacramento and Solano counties. She opened the accounts with nominal funds and fraudulent checks so as to fraudulently obtain cash and credit from these federally-insured financial institutions. According to the plea agreement in this case, VAUGHN will make full restitution for her theft.

VAUGHN is scheduled to be sentenced on May 25, 2006. The maximum penalty she faces is 120 years imprisonment for the four bank fraud convictions and 20 years imprisonment for her four social security account number offenses. She also faces a 5 year term of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1,250,000.

VAUGHN is the second person to plead guilty in an on-going investigation. On February 28, 2006, SHONDEIA PATRICE McCLAIN pled guilty to felony Bank Fraud and to felony Social Security Account Number Misuse. McCLAIN is scheduled to be sentenced on May 9, 2006.

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